# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
# LOK SABHA

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Compound Annual Growth Rate of NHs
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**Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:**

(a) the details of Compound Annual Growth Rate (CAGR) of National Highways (NHs) in the country;

(b) whether this is comparable with world average and also with other countries, and if so, the details thereof along with the budgetary allocation during the Twelfth Five Year Plan;

(c) whether the Government has any mechanism for speedy execution of new NHs and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

(SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)

(a) to (d) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 379 ANSWERED ON 11.08.2016 ASKED BY SHRI R. PARTHIPAN REGARDING COMPOUND ANNUAL GROWTH RATE OF NHs.

(a) to (d) This Ministry is primarily responsible for development and maintenance of National Highways (NHs). The total length of NHs has been enhanced from about 21,378 km during 1947 to about 1,03,519 km at present. The details of plan-wise length of NHs and State/UT wise length of NH network at present is at Annexure-I and Annexure-II respectively.

Further, the Ministry has approved In-Principle declaration of about 42,835 km length of State roads as new NHs subject to outcome of the Detailed Project Reports (DPRs).

The Ministry takes up declaration of State roads as new NHs from time to time depending upon requirement of connectivity, inter-se priority and availability of funds. The development and maintenance of NHs, including the newly declared NHs, is a continuous process and the works are accordingly taken up on the basis of inter-se priority, traffic density and availability of funds in order to keep the NHs in traffic worthy conditions. No separate allocation of funds are made as such for declaration of State roads as new NHs. The year-wise allocation of funds for the Central Sector Road Schemes during the Twelfth Five Year Plan is at Annexure-III.

The Ministry has formulated an ambitious programme inter alia to improve the road connectivity to coastal / border areas, backward areas, religious places, places of tourist interest, construction / rehabilitation / widening of major bridges and Railway Over Bridges (ROBs) / Railway Under Bridges (RUBs) on NHs and improvement of newly declared NHs, providing connectivity to District Head Quarters etc. Funding and other issues are yet to be tied up.

Regular meetings are held with project developers, State Governments and contractors in Head Quarter by Ministry with Regional Officers, concessionaires /contractors to make the construction of projects hassle free. Various steps have been taken to expedite completion of the projects which include streamlining of land acquisition & environment clearances, exit for equity investors, premium re-scheduling, close coordination with other Ministries, revamping of dispute resolution mechanism, frequent reviews at various levels etc. Further, The Government has taken major initiatives towards expediting implementation of languishing projects. The various measures taken include:

Environment and Forest Clearance
â€¢ Delegation of powers to Regional Offices by Ministry of Environment and Forest.
â€¢ EC (Environment Clearance) not required for length of 100 km. Even beyond 100 Km, EC is not required if widening is restricted to 40m and realignment to 60m.

ROBs (Rail Over Bridge) / RUBs(Rail Under Bridge):

The procedure for GAD(General Arrangement Drawing) approved by Railways for ROBs has been simplified and made online. Maintenance charges which were hampering the progress of many projects, stand waived by Railways. Standard design have been put on website.

Financial initiatives
â€¢ Loan secured to the extent of termination payment.
â€¢ Infrastructure debt fund − Long term financing at low interest rates
â€¢ Rescheduling of premium − Bank Rate+2%.
â€¢ 100% exit after 2 years of completion in projects awarded before 2009.
â€¢ Fund infusion by National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) in stalled projects where the physical progress is 50% and the concessionaire is facing shortage of funds.

NHAI is liberally permitting refinance with elongation of repayment period. Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has also issued circular for providing long term debt finance matching the concession period without classifying the exposure as restructured.